GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:851
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INDIAN SOLDIERS ON UN PEACE KEEPING MISSION
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Defence Personnel deployed under the United Nation peace mission during the last three years and till date along with the reasons therefor; country-wise;

(b) the number of soldiers reported to have been killed during this period; and

(c) the assistance provided to the families of defence personnel who were killed in UN peace mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) As a founding member of the United Nations, India has remained deeply committed to the UN`s endeavours in maintenance of international peace and security, and has been responding, wherever possible, to UN`s request for troops for UN peace keeping missions. A Statement on country and mission-wise contribution of personnel by India for UN missions during the last three years, and the total number deployed till date is annexed.

(b) Seven casualties occurred in the Indian Armed forces personnel serving in U.N. peace keeping missions abroad, during the last three years, including two in Lebanon and five in Sierra Leone.

(c) The next of kin of Indian armed forces personnel who have died while serving in U.N. Peace Keeping Missions abroad are entitled to liberalised pensionary benefits at par with that admissible in respect of armed forces personnel killed in war or war-like operations in India. In addition, service related death/disability compensation in respect of personnel who die or are disabled while serving in U.N. Missions, is re-imbursable by the United Nations.

ANNEXUREREFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851 22.11.2001

Country / UN Mission - wise deployment of defence personnel from India, during the last three years:

S.No.	Country	Mission	No.of Personnel	Period
1.	Lebanon	UNIFIL	3702 all ranks	November 1998 onwards
2.	Sierra Leone	UNAMSIL	3443 all ranks	January 1999 to December 2000
3.	CONGO	MONUC	41 Officers	1999 onwards
4.	KUWAIT	UNIKOM	19 Officers	1999 onwards
5.	ETHIOPIA /ERITREA	UNMEE	1555 all ranks	March 2001 onwards

Till date, a total of 59,082 armed forces personnel have been deployed by India for UN Peace Keeping operations.